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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR

EYES ONLY TO COLBY, WARNER AND CARY FROM HELMS

PLEASE DELIVER TO ADDRESSEES AT SOME CHRISTIAN HOUR ON SUNDAY MORNING

1. In a separate message I repeated back to you verbatim the contents of Director 475503. I have noted your modifications and can understand the reasons for them. Nevertheless, I would appreciate it if the officer delivering the material to Symington and Nedzi would give orally a bit of the flavor that I had in certain parts of Tehran 21556. I want both gentlemen to realize that Cox took a mean poke and that Stern has been consistently antagonistic to me. Further, I trust the officer will point out that certain classified Congressional testimony supports my position even further. ~~ALSO, I CANNOT GO INTO SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL MATTERS IN~~ ^(PUB) In sum, I count on you to convey an atmosphere to Symington and Nedzi which will help the cause of the Agency and indicate that whatever mistakes I may have made, they were solely in the interest of protecting the Agency and its assets and were never in any way designed to halt or deflect legitimate FBI investigations of wrongdoing. I am not attempting to wrap myself in the American flag, but I am aware that it is difficult to get any Senator or Congressman to go to one's defense unless he feels that there is a cause worth helping.

2. I leave here for southern Iran at 0530 local on Monday. I can be reached during my travels if anything urgent needs to be communicated to me. I would hope that the material in the other

message would hold the line for the time being.

3. If Symington decides to release the 28 June 1972 letter, I am not RPT not going to object for the reasons set forth in Tehran . Therefore, please handle this matter ^{WITH HIM} according to your own lights and judgment.

4. Many, many thanks and warm regards.

Delivered *jit*